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DATE OF CONTENT 8 to 16 May 1952 25X1A

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REMARKS Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 were previously reported

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SOURCE

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1. Source learned from an informant that five trains with T-34 tanks were unloaded in Rostock (N 55/O 81) on 8 May. Three trains with AT guns of about 100-mm were unloaded on 9 May and three trains carrying equipment and construction material were unloaded on 12 May. The material was hauled to the Putlitz Kaserne. The informant stated that a total of 15,000 troops was stationed in Rostock and 4,000 at the Markgrafenheide airfield.

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2. On 16 May, three locomotive engineers stated that, beginning early May, shipments were unloaded at the harbor of Stralsund (N 55/P 44) and rail shipments were sent to Ruegen Island. Streets were evacuated by the civilian population in Bergen (N 55/P 76) and also in Sassnitz (N 55/P 87) to provide quarters for 3,000 troops each.

3. Source learned that on 9 May the Larow-Dinz-Prora road was blocked to civilian traffic because of the traffic of troops who were arriving. The troops were billeted in apartment houses in Bergen and Sassnitz and in a tent camp in Prora. **

4. At 6 p.m. on 10 May, a train of 20 boxcars and 40 flatcars with sideracks with soldiers, 20 Stalin tractors, between 30 and 40 model 30 field howitzers of 122 mm caliber and ZIS-3 x 76.2-mm field guns, 25 trucks including three of the passed through Stendal (N 53/Y 35) toward Wittenberge. ***

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5. At 7:15 a.m. on 12 May, a train of 20 boxcars and an undetermined number of flatcars carried 4 x 100-mm AT guns, 6 rocket launchers, 6 trucks and personnel wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The train was ready for departure. **

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* Comment. This information somewhat confirms information by another source on units of the corps artillery brigade of the LXXIX Rez Rifle Corps unloaded in Altengrabow. During the period from 6 to 10 May 1952, another source saw the unloading of 13 shipments in Rostock. These shipments were then hauled to the barracks installation on Ulmenstrasse and the Putlitz Kaserne.

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[redacted] As shipments of tanks to this area are unusual, the observations by the informant on 8 May 1952 and the pertaining strength estimates which appear substantially over-rated must be forwarded with reservations. Previous information indicated that the Markgrafenheide airfield, east of Varnemuende, was occupied by civilians and a Soviet naval detachment.

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** [redacted] Comment. The information on unloadings at the Stralsund harbor possibly corresponds with similar observations at the harbor of Rostock during the same period. [redacted] However, other information indicated that no Soviet merchant ships were unloaded at Stralsund harbor during the period from 1 to 8 May 1952. The observations on Ruegen Island confirm previous information on rail shipments of the 4th AT Arty Brig (US) from Jueterbog to Bergen during the period from 8 to 12 May 1952. [redacted] One of these trains most probably was the train seen on 12 May 1952 which is reported in paragraph 5.

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*** [redacted] Comment. The train mentioned in paragraph 5 of the present report carried elements of the corps artillery brigade of the LXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps which probably moved from Altengrabow to Rostock.

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